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Title: AQUEOUS COMPOSITION USEFUL FOR
STABILIZING AND TEXTURIZING
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND PROCESS FOR
PREPARING THE SAME

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PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner. Each document
submitted herewith was cited in a communication from the
European Patent Office in a counterpart application.

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REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above materials and make them of record in the above-captioned application.


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